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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to insurance coverage of infertility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 25, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Any individual, franchise, blanket or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, or health maintenance organization which provides coverage for maternity benefits, and which is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed after the effective date of this act shall also provide coverage for infertility diagnosis and treatment.

(b) This section shall not apply to policies which provide only hospital indemnity benefits or to policies which provide only benefits for specified accidents. Insurance policies which provide benefits only for specified diseases, and which cover infertility diagnosis and treatment shall be subject to the requirements of this section. The insurer of the specified disease policy has the burden of proving that the insured has other insurance which covers the diagnosis and treatment of infertility to the extent guaranteed by this section.

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(c) Any increase in expenditure requirements on a municipality or a county resulting from the provisions of this act shall be appropriated from funds that such municipality or county receives from the state-shared taxes that are not earmarked for a particular purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.